



Washington State
Conservation Commission

May 9, 2006

TO: Commission Members

FR: Debbie Becker

**RE: FY 07 CREP Technical Assistance Distribution
Documents Attached**

The attached document outlines the staff recommendation for the FY 07 CREP Technical Assistance grants to qualifying conservation districts.

Total available for distribution for the period of July 1, 2006 – July 1, 2007

Process:

- ✦ Grant Application sent to CREP districts, Rod Hamilton and Bob Barker on March 22, 2006 with due date of April 6, 2006
- ✦ Initial review by Carol & Debbie Becker
- ✦ Sent to all-staff for review on April 20th – comments due by April 25th
 - **NONE RECEIVED**
- ✦ Sent to all CREP districts, Rod Hamilton and Bob Barker on April 25th requesting comments – due back May 9th @ noon.
 - **NONE RECEIVED**

Staff Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Thank you for considering this matter.



Washington State Conservation Commission

DRAFT – OUT FOR DISTRICT COMMENT

Conservation Commission funding recommendation for CREP Technical Assistance, July 1, 2007 thru June 30, 2006

Appropriation = \$950,000 – 6% = \$893,000 for distribution

District	FY06 Request	FY07 Request	Recommendation	Comment
Asotin	69,638	69,638	70,000	One stream is completely enrolled sans one landowner, partnering with EQIP, etc to complete comprehensive mgt plans. Rounded up.
Benton	5,000	5,000	5,000	two sites to be planted - need to move some miles around for more eligibility
C Klickitat	3,000	No request	No request	
Chelan	1,000	No request	No request	No interest
Clark	62,500	10,000	10,000	Buffer width is a deterrent for new enrollment. Federal paperwork is viewed onerous by landowners
Columbia	59,000	59,000	50,000	Support is there for Columbia's program. However CCD has consistently turned back to SCC at the end of the fiscal year an average of \$15,000 – 20,000. This makes it difficult to adequately address needs across the state. It is easier for SCC to provide additional money later in the year for Columbia if they need it.
Jefferson / Clallam	62,500	62,500	63,000	Fully support this growing program. They have nearly met their stated goal for FY06 and have outlined goals for FY07 that will likely be achieved. Rounded up.
King / Pierce	10,000	10,000	10,000	3 plans currently being written and 3 additional landowners. This is excellent progress for this district, given the struggles of years' past.

District	FY06 Request	FY07 Request	Recommendation	Comment
Kitsap	6,000	10,000	8,000	Struggling to justify the increase in request. Want to support the program and encourage growth, but many of the questions were not answered. The early March questionnaire indicated a \$7,500 need. This latest request indicates a need of \$10,000.
Lewis / Grays Harbor / Thurston	75,000	100,000	100,000	This is a great example of districts coordinating together to grow a program encouraging consistency and demonstrating fiscal responsibility. An inter-local agreement is also signed between Lewis and Pacific to have Lewis write the plans for the Pacific landowners.
Mason	12,000	25,000	20,000	SCC generally supports this request, but will be expecting the district to show contract movement in the Oakland Bay watershed by FY 07 end.
Okanogan	14,064	25,000	15,000	SCC struggled with this request. If contract growth can be demonstrated with signed CRP-1's, additional funding will be provided.
Pacific	15,000	20,000	15,000	Pacific has now signed an inter-local agreement with Lewis that will have Lewis writing the plans. The application from Pacific does not address the role of Pacific staff (3 charged to the grant) and what percentage of the workload and funding will be for Lewis.
Pomeroy	31,250	20,000	20,000	Support
Skagit	93,000	150,780	110,000	SCC cannot support an increase of this level. However, with two new contracts in the last nine months and increases in other costs, a \$17,000 increase is warranted.
Snohomish	38,000	38,000	38,000	Support
So Yakima	1,500	3,000	1,500	SCC struggles with enough information to make a good decision on this request. District did not answer the specific questions on the grant application.

District	FY06 Request	FY07 Request	Recommendation	Comment
Wahkiakum / Cowlitz	20,000	20,000	20,000	Support – has goals for continued contract growth and with 3 landowners to sign, will have enrolled 50% of the ag land in the watershed.
Walla Walla	83,000	83,000	83,000	This is a good program demonstrating substantial growth and fiscal responsibility. Utilizes TSP to maximize investment.
Whatcom	197,419	248,013	240,000	Highly support this program; the district has done an outstanding job. The program continues to grow and a majority of the increase is supported.
Whitman	2,000	5,000	5,000	SCC is willing to give this one more year. District has two contracts committed.
Underwood	3,000	942	950	Finalizing contract oversight this year.
TOTALS	863,871	964,873	883,950	